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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

We received your letter of July 6th regarding prints made from slides for frames 337 and 338 of the Zapruder film of the Assassination of President Kennedy. In that letter, one of the things you asked us to provide, is identification information regarding the slides. The only identification information in our possession is that, as best we can determine, these are second generation copy slides of frames 337 and 338 of the original 8mm film. Our slide photo identification numbers are 200-ZF-337 and 200-ZF-338. Beyond that, I am not sure what other information you are requesting.

Your other point was that the image-quality of the prints made from the slides was too dark and not clear and sharp enough. I had the lab supervisor look at the prints made from the slides, and the slides themselves, and asked him if he could solve these problems. He is able to brighten the image from the one we originally sent, but there isn't anything he can do regarding the sharpness of the image; these are second generation, copy slides of the frames of the 8mm film. When viewed under a photographer's loupe, there isn't the sharpness of detail and clarity of image that you said you recall from viewing the slides at an earlier point in time. This is particularly true of frame 338.

The lab has remade the prints and they are enclosed. As I said above, our lab supervisor believes that he has done the best job he can, given what he has to work with. I hope these will be satisfactory to you. Of course, you are also welcome to visit our research room at Archives II in College Park, MD, where we will be happy to provide a reference set of the slides for you to review. Our research room is open Monday through Friday from 8:45 A.M. to 5:15 P.M.

If you have any other questions, feel free to contact me by mail or at (301) 713-6625, X258.

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